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SUBJECT:US-BRAZIL SHRIMP AGREEMENT

1. U.S.-BRAZIL AGREEMENT CONCERNING SHRIMP, HAVING BEEN EXTENDED SINCE ORIGINAL EXPIRATION DATE OF DECEMBER 31, 1973, WILL NOW TERMINATE DECEMBER 31, 1974. DEPTS OF STATE AND COMMERCE ARE IN PROCESS OF CONSIDERING POSSIBLE OPTIONS AND STRATEGIES RELATING TO CONTINUATION OF SOME ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1975.

2. DEPT. WOULD BE GREATLY AIDED IN THIS EFFORT IF WE COULD HAVE BENEFIT OF EMBASSY EVALUATION OF SITUATION, WITHOUT AT THIS TIME MAKING CONTACT WITH GOB OFFICIALS. THUS DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE ASSESSMENT OF GOB THINKING ON THIS SUBJECT; IE, WHAT IS LIKELIHOOD OF CONTINUING SHRIMPING ARRANGEMENTS, WHAT ARE OBJECTIONS OF BRAZIL, IF ANY, TO PRESENT AGREEMENT, WHAT CONCESSIONS, IN TERMS OF NUMBER OF VESSELS, SEASONS, OR MONEY, IS BRAZIL LIKELY TO DEMAND DURING RENEGOTIATION OF
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AGREEMENT.

3. MOST BENEFICIAL DEVELOPMENT FROM U.S. POINT OF VIEW WOULD
BE EXTENSION OF PRESENT ARRANGEMENT FOR ONE MORE YEAR.
EMBASSY'S EVALUATION OF GOB REACTION TO THIS POSSIBILITY
WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL. KISSINGER

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